

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 585

BY SENATOR CROWE

PARISHES. Provides for cleanup and removal of abandoned structures in certain parishes.  
(8/1/12)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:1236(66), relative to certain powers of parishes; to provide for cleanup and removal requirements of abandoned structures by certain owners of land adjacent to certain lakes; to provide for terms, conditions, procedures, and definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:1236(66) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1236. Powers of parish governing authorities

The police juries and other parish governing authorities shall have the following powers:

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**(66)(a) Abandoned, blighted or condemned structure is a man-made dwelling, building, or shelter located on land adjacent to or bordering on a lake. Such structures may also be piers, boats, and docks, both submerged or above the surface of the lake.**

**(b) Man-made abandoned, blighted or condemned structures located adjacent or bordering a lake shall be removed at the owner's cost when ordered**



1           by the local governing authority.

2           (c) Owners of such structures shall be given not less than thirty days to  
3           begin the removal of the abandoned, blighted or condemned structure or be  
4           subject to fines to be determined by the local governing authority. Failure to  
5           begin removal of the abandoned, blighted or condemned structure within the  
6           thirty day period will allow the local governing authority to remove the  
7           structure or have the structure removed at the owner's costs.

8           (d) Owners of such abandoned, blighted or condemned structures who  
9           refuse to remove such structures when ordered, shall be subject to liens being  
10          placed upon that property or any other property owned by such owners and  
11          located in that parish.

12          (e) Any local governing authority where such abandoned, blighted or  
13          condemned structures are located, may after due process of law, seize and sell  
14          the property upon which the structure is located and place the proceeds of such  
15          sales into the general operating fund of the parish.

16          (f) The provisions of this Paragraph shall apply to any parish with a  
17          population of not less than two hundred twenty-five thousand nor more than  
18          two hundred fifty thousand persons.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

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#### DIGEST

Proposed law requires owners of abandoned, blighted or condemned structures to remove them when ordered by a parish governing authority.

Proposed law provides that certain parish governing authorities may remove or have removed at the cost of the owner any structures determined to be abandoned, blighted or condemned if that owner fails to begin removal of the structures within 30 days of a removal order.

Proposed law provides that certain local governing authorities may, after due process of law, place liens upon the property upon which such structures are located when the owner of the property refuses to remove the abandoned, blighted or condemned structures.

Proposed law provides that certain parish governing authorities may, after due process of law, seize the property upon which the structures are located, sell the property and place the proceeds in the general operating fund of the parish if a property owner refuses to cleanup and remove the abandoned, blighted or condemned structure.



Proposed law provides that the provision of proposed law will apply to parishes with a certain population range.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S.33:1236(66))